

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 VIENTI 02807 111202 Z

45

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 NEA-10 ADP-00 INRE-00 SSO-00 RSR-01

NSCE-00 SS-15 PM-09 NSC-10 INR-10 PRS-01 OMB-01

ACDA-19 DPW-01 IO-12 AID-20 IGA-02 /151 W

----- 038146

O P 111053 Z APR 73

FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3543

DIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

CIA WASHDC PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL UDORN

USDEL JEC PARIS

USIA WASHDC

SECDEF

DIRNSA FT GG MEADE MD

CINCPAC

CINCUSARPAC HAWAII

USDAO SAIGON

COMUSMACTHAI

DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI

CDR USSAG NKP

DEPCDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DOD SPECREP NKP

CHSPECACTS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

56 SOW NKP

431 TRW UDORN

CDR JCRC NKP

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 VIENTI 02807 111202 Z

ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS  
ARMA/ AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2807

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA  
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 11

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW AND 56 SOW FOR DO/ DI;  
MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO

REF: VIENTIANE 2768

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - GROUND ACTION REMAINED VERY LOW DURING PERIOD 9-10 APRIL, EXCEPT FOR FLURRY OF MINOR SHELLINGS AND PROBES TO TEST FRIENDLY POSITIONS SOUTHEAST (THA VIANG) AND SOUTH (PA DONG) OF PDJ. PRELIMINARY FIELD REPORT INDICATED THAT ENEMY WAS HEAVILY SHELLING THA VIANG POSITIONS MORNING 11 APRIL. RLAF FLEW TOTAL OF TWO T-28 AND THREE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIES. RLAF HELICOPTER CRASHED FROM NON- HOSTILE CAUSES SOUTHWEST OF VANG VIENG, KILLING ONE BATTALION COMMANDER AND AT LEAST FOUR OTHER LAO. PL OFFICER AND WIFE RALLIED SOUTH OF PAKSE. POLITICAL - NEGATIVE.  
END SUMMARY

1. SECTION I - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR I: ONLY GROUND ACTION WAS MINOR PATROL CLASH NORTHEAST OF PAK LAY ON 8 APRIL (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

B. MR II: TOTAL OF EIGHT MINOR GROUND INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. SOUTHEAST OF PDJ, IN AREA APPROX TEN KM NORTH OF CONTESTED THA VIANG, MINOR ENEMY ATTACK ENCOURAGED FRIENDS TO WITHDRAW FROM OUTPOST POSITION EVENING 9 APRIL (NO CASUALTIES). FOLLOWING MORNING, THREE CLOSE- BY POSITIONS IN SAME AREA WERE HIT BY MINOR ATTACKS BY FIRE AND PROBES; FRIENDS HELD (ONE ENEMY KIA). LATER 10 APRIL, MINOR PATROL CLASH IN SAME AREA WOUNDED ONE FRIEND. MORNING 11 APRIL, MINOR SHELLING IN SAME AREA FORCED FRIENDS TO EVACUATE ONE POSITION (NO CASUALTIES). SPOT REPORT INDICATED THAT TWO POSITIONS FARTHER SOUTH, APPROX FOUR KM NORTH OF THA VIANG, CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE MORNING 11 APRIL (PRELIMINARY). TO THE NORTHWEST, TWO PATROL CLASHES OCCURRED NORTHEAST AND EAST OF PA DONG (SITE 5) ON 10 APRIL (NO CASUALTIES). NORTH OF PDJ, ENEMY LIGHTLY SHELLED OUTPOST SOUTH  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 VIENTI 02807 111202 Z

OF BOUAM LONG AND PROBED ANOTHER WEST OF BOUAM LONG, BOTH ON 9 APRIL ( NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW TWO T-28 SORTIES ON 10 APRIL, BOTH TO HIT ENEMY TROOPS IN THA VIANG AREA ( FIVE PROBABLY KBA, FIVE PROBABLY WBA). TWO CONTRACT RESUPPLY AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT AT, BUT NOT HIT, VICINITY THA VIANG. PATROL SIGHTED PL FLAG JUST SOUTHWEST OF PDJ, NORTHEAST OF BAN NA ( SITE 15) RLG OUTPOSTS.

C. MR III: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED.

D. MR IV: ONLY GROUND INCIDENT WAS MINOR PATROL CLASH/ SHELLING APPROX 35 KM NORTHEAST OF PAKSE, VICINITY BAN KENG GNAO, ON 10 APRIL; FRIENDS WITHDREW FROM THE SCENE AND ENEMY RAISED PL FLAG ( NO CASUALTIES). CORRECTION: MINOR CLASH SOUTH OF SOUKHOUMA ON 7 APRIL ( REFTEL) ACTUALLY OCCURRED ON 9 APRIL AND RESULTED IN ONE FRIENDLY WIA, FIVE MIA AND ONE ENEMY KIA. ONE PL OFFICER AND HIS WIFE RALLIED SOUTH OF PAKSE ON 10 APRIL. RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

E. MR V: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED. RLAF HELICOPTER CRASHED, DUE TO MECHANICAL OR ACCIDENTAL CAUSES, APPROX 45 KM SOUTHWEST OF VANG VIENG ON 10 APRIL. CONFLICTING REPORTS SHOW EITHER EIGHT OR FIVE LAO KILLED, INCLUDING ONE BATTALION COMMANDER, AND SIX OR EIGHT LAO INJURED. RLAF FLEW THREE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIES DURING NIGHT 9-10 APRIL, ALL REPORTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT NORTHWEST OF BORIKHANE, BUT MORE LIKELY AS " BABY- SITTERS."

2. SECTION II - POLITICAL SITUATION: NEGATIVE.  
GODLEY

CONFIDENTIAL

\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\* CONFIDENTIAL

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:**  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 11 APR 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** garlanwa  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973VIENTI02807  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** RR  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** VIENTIANE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19730439/aaaiejj.tel  
**Line Count:** 146  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 73 VIENTIANE 2768  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** garlanwa  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 17 AUG 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <17-Aug-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <21-Nov-2001 by garlanwa>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** <DBA CORRECTED> gwr 971222  
**Subject:** LAO SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 11  
**TAGS:** MOPS, PFOR, PINS, PINT, LA  
**To:** BANGKOK  
CIA WASHDC  
DIA WASHDC  
EA  
JAKARTA  
MOSCOW  
PARIS

PHNOM PENH  
SECSTATE WASHDC

**Type:** TE

**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005